GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:245
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2001
DERESERVATION IN THE SMALL SCALE SECTOR
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently dereserved some of the items from the small scale industrial sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the dereservation of small scale item is affecting adversely the growth of small scale sector;

(d) if so, whether any scheme has been worked out to protect the SSI units; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PEN AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT ATTACHED TO REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 245 FOR REPLY ON 08.08.2001

(a) & (b): Readymade garments were dereserved on1.1.2001 as per the decision announced in the National Textile Policy 2000. As announced in the Union budget 2001-2002, Government have issued a Notification S.O. 603(E) dated 29th June, 2001 dereserving 14 items from the list of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector, the details of which are given in the Annexure.

(c) to (e): The issue of reservation/de-reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small scale industrial sector is examined on continual basis by the Government and decisions in this respect are taken after considering all relevant aspects. Over the last three years, the estimated growth rate of the Small Scale Sector has gone up from 7.7% in 1998-99 to 8.16% in 1999-2000 and 8.09% in 2000-2001. To enhance the competitiveness in SSIs both domestically and globally and to strengthen the small-scale sector, Government have announced a comprehensive policy package on 30.8.2000. The policy package provides for easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loan upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs, capital subsidy for technological upgradation and improved infrastructure.